

## **Readiness Assessment – Have you done the following to be ready for 5010/D.O?**

Are you ready for 5010/D.O? Testing with external trading partners will begin in January of 2011. Testing with version 5010A1 Errata will begin in April 2011. Please don't wait until April to begin testing because compliance with the Errata must be achieved by the original regulation compliance date of January 1, 2012.

### **Have you completed the following to be ready for 5010/D.O?**

1. Current transaction versions must be upgraded to Version 5010 and D.O. Medicare has performed a side by side comparison of the current 4010A1 and 5010 base formats found at: [www.cms.gov/ElectronicBillingEDITrans/18\\_5010D0.asp](http://www.cms.gov/ElectronicBillingEDITrans/18_5010D0.asp). The side by sides do not include errata changes and do not replace the TR3s. To purchase TR3s and access Technical QuestionsX12 please go to [www.x12.org](http://www.x12.org) or for NCPDP D.O go to [www.ncdp.org](http://www.ncdp.org).
2. Software must be modified to produce and exchange the new formats (e.g. trading partners must be able to read incoming 277CA transactions sent from Medicare).
3. Review business processes to ensure changes are not necessary to capture additional data elements not previously required (e.g. Impact of patient registration, billing, and claim reconciliation).
4. Contact your vendor and/or clearinghouse to ensure products and processes are updated (e.g. license includes regulation updates, and will the upgrade include acknowledgement transactions 277A & 999).
5. Trading Partners should contact their local Medicare-Fee-For-Service contractor (MAC) for specific testing schedules. See <http://www.cms.gov/ElectronicBillingEDITrans/> under downloads, to find a MFFS contractor in your state, or [find your operational MAC on this list](#). For details on testing requirements see the 5010 National Call presentation on Provider Outreach and Education – Transition Year Activities found at [http://www.cms.gov/Versions5010andD0/downloads/OE\\_National\\_Presentation\\_12-8-10.pdf](http://www.cms.gov/Versions5010andD0/downloads/OE_National_Presentation_12-8-10.pdf).

Do not wait to begin testing with your MAC because the MACs will not be able to accommodate large volumes of trading partners seeking production status all at once. Be sure to start testing Version 5010 and D.O as early as possible in 2011. Be prepared.

To download readiness checklists and a resource card with helpful web links go to [http://www.cms.gov/Versions5010andD0/40\\_Educational\\_Resources.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.gov/Versions5010andD0/40_Educational_Resources.asp#TopOfPage).